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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3809 (UT-042) UTU-81473

September 8, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7002 0860 0007 1304 8376

S. Heather Scholz, Registered Agent Earth Partner's, LLC P.O. Box 1186 Beaver, UT 84713

## Dear Ms Scholz:

On September 7, 2004, this office received a notice of intention to conduct exploratory mining on the Munchkin #1-3 lode mining claims. As you are aware, because the lands proposed for disturbance in the project are administered by the BLM, this office has jurisdiction for the project disturbances under the 43 CFR 3809 regulations. The State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Division) also has regulatory authority over the proposed project disturbances under their rules developed as a result of the Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. The BLM has assigned file UTU-81473 to the proposed project, and we have sent of copy of the project notice to the Division for their review.

My review of the notice revealed several deficiencies under the 3809 regulations that will need to be addressed before we can consider the notice complete under those regulations:

- 1. The taxpayer identification number of the designated operator (43 CFR 3809.301(b)(1)).
- 2. A map showing the location of your project area in sufficient detail for BLM to be able to find it and the location of access routes you intend to use or improve. (43 CFR 3809.301(b)(2)(ii)). Before we can complete the necessary critical resource clearances BLM must know the precise location(s) of any areas to be disturbed under the notice. It is also necessary to have an accurate map of the areas to be disturbed to confirm the reclamation bond amount estimate.

- 3. A schedule of activities, including the date you expect to begin operations and the date you expect to complete reclamation (43 CFR 3809.301(b)(2)(iv)).
- 4. A reclamation cost estimate (43 CFR 3809.301(b)(4) and 43 CFR 3809.552). If you do not want to prepare and submit a detailed reclamation cost estimate, the BLM Cedar City Field Office and the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, estimates that the necessary bond will amount to \$5,000 for the first acre of disturbance and \$3,000 for each additional acre or fraction of an acre, up to a total disturbance of five acres.

Until the above deficiencies are addressed, the submitted notice will be considered incomplete and no further action will be taken to review it. If you have any questions regarding these deficiencies, please contact me directly, at 435-865-3040.

Sincerely,

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Staff Mining Engineer